

Silas Marner

- **Silas Marner is simple , honest and kind hearted weaver. he was lived for fifteen years in cottage on the out the outskirts of a village called Raveloe. The villagers are somewhat suspicious of him : he is an newcomer he is different from them , he has come from the town ; he is a weaver, his appearance is off-putting , for he is pallid and undersized, short-sighted with large brown protuberant eyes. He is liable to fits. He has knowledge of herbs that can cure illnesses , and he does not want to mix with other of the community.**
- **The members of his religious sect in Lantern yard , accused him that he was stolen the money of chairman of the charity.**
- **Silas had been betrayed by his best friend William Dane , who stole the money of chairman of charity when Silas was unconscious from one of his fits. William manages to convince the church people that Silas has stolen some money. Silas declared his innocence of the theft and agreed to the drawing of lots (in which the sect believed , thinking this sanctioned by Bible). The lots , however declared Silas guilty.**

- **Silas knew William Dane had taken the money but had not accused him because he believed his own innocence would be proved by god. The next day Sarah , who was engaged to marry him , broke off the engagement (she married William Dane a month later). Silas loses everything , he left his town (Lantern Yard) , his faith in God and man completely lost.**
- **So , Silas decided to going to live in Raveloe in small cottage by the quarry. He works hard at his weaving and earns a lots of money , but he lives lonely life and rarely mixes with the village people.**
- **Silas becomes infatuated with the money, He earns for his work and hoards it. He keeps its hoard of gold coins in bag in hole under the floor and every night he pulls his gold out from its hiding place. He carries on in this way for fifteen years.**
- **In the village (Raveloe) , Squire Cass is the richest and most important person . he has four sons . the eldest , Godfrey is somewhat weak character , over-indulged by his father . he has made a secret marriage with Molly Farren , a drug addict and he is afraid the squire will disinherit him if he hears of the marriage.**
- **Another son is Dunstan , a drunk and liar. Dunstan knows that Godfrey has secretly married with Molly , he blackmails him with threats to reveal the marriage to their father.**

- Godfrey gives Dunstan 100 pounds of rent money paid to him by one of their fathers tenants.
- Dunstan once again threatens to reveal Godfrey s marriage.
- Godfrey decides to tell his father the truth but he can not face losing his inheritance and Nancy Lammeter. Instead , he decides that he will let Dunstan sell his horse to get money to replace the tenant s hundred pounds.
- The next day , Dunstan meets with some friends who are hunting negotiates the sale of the horse. He decides to participate in the hunt before finalizing the sale and in doing so, he has a riding accident that kills the horse (Wildfire).
- After that, Dunstan walks back to Raveloe in fog and sees the door of silas s cottage open.
- He discovers the gold and makes off it. Silas , who had gone out of water , returns and find the money gone.
- Silas thinks that it has perhaps been stolen by Jem Rondey , a local mole –catcher and poacher , and goes to the Rainbow Inn to tell of the theft in the hope that the squire and other powerful men in village will help to recover his money.
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